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EXPORT OF ITEMS MADE BY SSIS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the incentives and facilities available for promotion of export items manufactured by small scale industries at present;

(b) the extent to which these incentives and facilities will increase export of the country during the current and next financial years;

(c) whether any increase in export has been recorded from this sector during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) The Government is presently implementing two Export promotion Schemes for the Small Scale Industry, namely (a) Participation in International Fairs and Exhibitions and (b) Training Programme on Packaging for Exports. These schemes are implemented through a network of 28 field offices called Small Industries Service Institute (SISI), spread all over the country. Simultaneously, the Government has taken several measures to help the Small Scale Industry in becoming globally competitive. These include special focus on areas such as technological upgradation, infrastructural assistance through cluster approach, timely availability of credit, adoption of modern management practices, use of IT etc. The Export PromotionCapital Goods Scheme (EPCG)has been liberalised to include SSI sector , which can now import capital goods required for export production at the concessional duty rate of 5%.

(b) The Government is confident that these measures will increase the exports of the country and in particular of the SSI sector. However , it is difficult to quantify the same at this stage.

(c),(d) &(e) Yes, Sir. The detailed yearwise statistics is as follows:

Year	Exports of SSI (Rs. in crores)
1996-97	39248.54
1997-98	44442.18
1998-99	48979.23